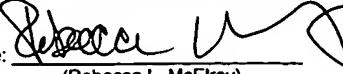


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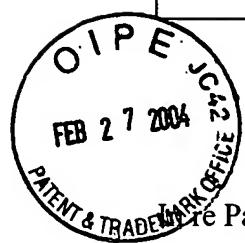
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action herein, mailed 22 October 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 22 January 2004. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 22 February 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The considered claims, claims 39-53 and 56-78 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosures: Verified Statement.  
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